

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1621

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Edna Towns Word upon her induction
into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in farming have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have dedicated their lives to promoting the importance of agriculture in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Edna Towns Word, who has been inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame for her hard work and commitment to continuing the legacy of the family farm in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in 1933 to Aubrey and Ruth (Swain) Towns, Edna Towns Word attended Gladeville Elementary School and graduated in 1950 from Lebanon High School, where she played in the band; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her associate degree in business from Martin Methodist College, Edna Towns Word worked for the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, during which time she helped her sons, Stanley and Stacey, take interest in 4-H and assisted them in showing cattle for their grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Word became more involved herself with 4-H and Lebanon FFA activities as her children grew up, and she served as an adult leader for 4-H at Southside Elementary School from 1976 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected leader of her community, she has been a member of the Wilson County Farm Bureau Board since 2000 and served as chair of the Women's Leadership Committee from 2003 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Word was a member of the planning committee during the establishment of Farm Days at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, which was first held in 2001, and now hosts between 300 and 400 second-grade students and their teachers over two days; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout member of Gladeville United Methodist Church, which she has served faithfully over the years in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who have committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest standards and principles in their chosen vocation, and it is fitting that we honor Edna Towns Word for her valuable service to agriculture and the farming community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Edna Towns Word upon her induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon her many contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.